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Amendments to the Specification

Please amend the ABSTRACT as follows:

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This invention relates to a flame retardant composition comprising: (a) 81 to 99.99 weight percent of a thermoplastic resin, thermoset resin, thermoplastic resin blend, or thermoset resin blend which upon burning forms a char and (b) 0.01-19 weight percent of a silsesquioxane resin having a weight average molecular weight of greater than 300, and having the average molecular formula:

(R3SiO1/2)a (R2SiO2/2)b (RSiO3/2)c (SiO4/2)d (RO1/2)c (OH1/2)fwherein each R is hydrogen, an alkyl group, an alkenyl group, or an aryl group having from 6 to
12 carbon atoms, a and b are zero or positive numbers and the value of a+b is greater than zero, c
is a positive number, d, c and f are zero or positive numbers with the provisor that the copolymer
comprises at least 40 mole percent of RSiO3/2 units, the copolymer comprises less than 10 mole
percent SiO4/2 units, greater than 30 mole percent of the silicon bonded R groups are silicon
bonded aryl groups, greater than 0.5 mole percent of the silicon bonded R groups are silicon
bonded hydrogen atoms, the content of silicon bonded hydroxyl groups is equal to or less than 2
weight percent, and the content of silicon bonded alkoxy groups where the alkoxy group is
mothoxy or ethoxy is equal to or less than 5 weight percent.